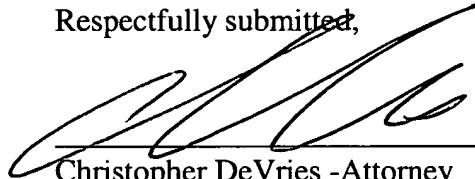


CONCLUSION

The entire Office Action dated May 18, 2005, has been carefully reviewed and this response is submitted as being fully responsive thereto. In view of the preceding remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 1-9 are in condition for allowance and respectfully request such action at the Examiner's earliest convenience. If the Examiner believes that personal contact would be advantageous to the disposition of this case, he is requested to call the undersigned at his earliest convenience.

If for some reason a fee needs to be paid as well as one-month extension, please charge our Deposit Account No. 07-0960 for the fees, which may be due.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Christopher DeVries', is written over a horizontal line.

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